

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 8 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 11-13 and 15-18 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A harness for a quadruped animal ~~including, said~~
harness comprising:

a chest strap which in use of the harness lies across the chest of the animal in front of the forelegs;

a trunk loop to which each end of the chest strap is attached and which includes a back strap which in use of the harness lies across the back of the animal affixed to a lower strap which in use of the harness passes ~~around the trunk of~~ under the animal behind the forelegs; and

~~an~~ a first attachment for a leading strap, the first attachment being slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong in a direction in which the leading strap is being pulled during use; and

a second attachment for the leading strap, provided on the back strap of the trunk loop.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1 ~~in which,~~ wherein the first attachment for ~~a~~ the leading strap is a ring through which the chest strap passes.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1, further comprising a ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link one end of which is mounted on the chest strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached in use of the harness to a collar around the neck of the animal.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 3 ~~in which,~~ wherein the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 3 ~~in which,~~ wherein the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link is attached to a cinch through which a loop of the chest strap passes.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 6 ~~in which,~~ wherein the first attachment for ~~a~~ the leading strap is mounted on the said loop of the chest strap whereby the cinch is retained on the chest strap.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): The harness cording to claim 8 ~~1 in which,~~ wherein the back strap is pivotably affixed to the lower strap.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 8 ~~1 in which,~~ wherein the ends of the chest strap are pivotably attached to the trunk loop where the back strap meets the lower strap.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 8 ~~1 in which,~~ wherein the trunk loop includes a clasp by which ~~it~~ the trunk loop can be opened to, in use of the harness, allow the harness to be placed on or removed from an animal.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1 ~~in which the~~, wherein a length of at least one strap or loop is adjustable.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1 for a dog.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1 ~~in which~~, wherein the first attachment on the chest strap for ~~a~~ the leading strap is constrained against free movement along the chest strap.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1 ~~in which~~, wherein the second attachment for ~~a~~ the leading strap is constrained against free movement along the back strap.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1 ~~in which~~, wherein the chest strap is of a polyester webbing.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method of controlling a dog or other quadruped animal comprising:

placing a harness according to claim 1 on the animal; and

attaching a the leading strap to ~~the~~ or each attachment for a the leading strap.